

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 7 were reversed by the Board of Patents and Appeals in the parent application. Applicants present them herewith, although claim 6 has been amended for clarity purposes only and claim 7 has been cancelled. New claims 9-15 are submitted herewith in this continuation application.

On August 15, 2003, Applicants' representative Melissa Sistrunk faxed proposed claim amendments that were based on claims originally proposed by the Examiner in a facsimile to Applicants' representative on February 18, 1998. These claims and clarification of original claims 6 and 7 were discussed during a telephonic interview on August 19, 2003 with Examiner Nguyen. Amendments to the claims based on this discussion are submitted herein.

During the interview, the Examiner also requested re-submission of a paper copy of the sequence listing filed June 1, 1995. Applicants submit said paper herewith including a Request for Transfer of Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing under 37 C.F.R. §1.821 (e).

Also during the interview, the Examiner noted that the IDS submitted on September 30, 1997 was not entered. Applicants will submit these references for consideration shortly.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. According, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Applicants address the fees in the enclosed Fee Transmittal. However, if an outstanding fee is due during the course of prosecution of this application, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P00820US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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